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ROYAL CASTLE AS HERITAGE MONUMENT
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has taken note of the row erupted over the possession of Galfar Group on the `Travancore Regent Maharani Sethu Lakshmi Bai`s Halcyon Castle` in Kovalam in Trivandrum district of Kerala;

(b) the action taken by the Government against the illegal possession of the castle;

(c) whether the Government propose to take steps to retain the Royal Castle as a `Heritage` Monument; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER FOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a)to(d) No, Sir. `Travancore Regent Maharani Sethu Lakshmi Bai`s Halcyon Castle` in Kovalam in Trivandrum district of Kerala is not a protected monument of Archaeological Survey of India and there is no such proposal with the Archaeological Survey of India to retain the Royal Castle as a `Heritage` Monument.